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Anna Marie Young
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[emailed to CEQA.GHG@opr.ca.gov]

**re: comments on Preliminary Draft CEQA Guideline Amendments
for Green House Gas Emissions]**

Dear Ms. Young:

The Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, representing over 700 bicyclists in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, strongly supports the proposed modifications to the CEQA Guidelines checklist ("Appendix G") contained in the Office of Planning and Research's Preliminary Draft CEQA Guideline Amendments for Green House Gas Emissions released on January 8, 2009.

Transportation impact analysis under current CEQA practice often runs counter to progressive transportation and land use policy. In particular, automobile level of service analysis ("auto LOS") can result in "mitigations" that have negative impacts on bicyclists and pedestrians. In Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, the primary obstacles to safe bicycling are often intersections that have been designed to maximize auto-LOS. Eliminating auto-LOS and automobile parking as environmental concerns under CEQA, by incorporating the changes proposed to the TRANSPORTATION/ TRAFFIC section, will encourage better land use and transportation decisions, and should help in achieving AB32 goals.

Sincerely,

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Promoting the bicycle for everyday use.

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